

Court Fields School

Parent Weekly 'What's Happening' Bulletin



Message from Mrs Matthews

Friday 9th February 2024

Thank you for all your support this half term as we get to the end of what has been such a busy final week in particular! We've had events and awareness raising for Apprenticeship Week, Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Week, trips to see Wicked and Macbeth, groups taking part in a cybercrime challenge, learning about the fantastic careers in that field, we've had sporting fixtures and our Year 1 Sports Festival, Futures Evening and today we waved off the Ski Trip 2024 as they make their way to Italy. The key factor, as ever, in what we do, is that teamwork, between staff, students, parents and the community and I'm so grateful to be part of that wonderful team. Thank you for the part you play. Have an amazing half term! Mrs Matthews



National Apprenticeship Week 2024

In support of National Apprenticeship Week 2024, Monday's Year 7 assembly was delivered by Nicola from BTC. Not only did students get to hear about the range of opportunities and value of apprenticeships, but they heard first hand from Ellie who has just completed a Business & Administration apprenticeship with BTC. For more details on National Apprenticeship Week, head to www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/nationalapprenticeshipweek



Temporary change to School lunch break

There will be a temporary change to the lunch break for the whole school from Monday 26th February to Friday 8th March inclusive. The change is to support Year 11 who will be taking exams during this time.

From Monday 26th February to Friday 8th March, lunch will be 12:30 – 13:05 (instead of the usual 13:30 – 14:05).

All other times will remain the same.

Sporting update

Well done to our Year 9 footballers on a resilient and hard-working performance last week in the District Cup against a very good Monkton Wood side. A poor first half with some uncharacteristic mistakes gave the boys too much to do in the second half. Despite trailing 4-0 at half time, the boys rallied and notched two goals and eventually went down 5-2 at full time. Man of the match went to CJ who also notched both Court Fields goals. Onto the next game vs West Somerset.



A big well done to our Under 16s boys football team who are through the County Cup Quarter Finals, after a solid 4 -1 victory against a good



Nailsea School side. Congratulations!

Well done to our Year 9 netballers who took part in a friendly CVL at Bishops Foxes this week! A very windy one! Thank you to Foxes for hosting and Kingsmead for organising.



A very big well done to Year 8 William C on coming 5th in the South West Regional Qualifiers yesterday against lots of talented young fencers all around the South West.



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For National Apprenticeship Week



It's National Apprenticeship Week from 5th – 11th of February 2024, an annual, week-long celebration of apprenticeships and anyone involved with them. The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy. The theme for this year is 'Skills for Life', reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career.

Learn more about apprenticeships and why they might be a first-rate career pathway for your teen in our free download:

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Somerset Junior Badminton Championships

A big well done to Will K in Year 9 on winning the Somerset Junior Badminton Championships at the weekend. Will went unbeaten the whole way through to be crowned county champion. An amazing feat for such a talented young player.

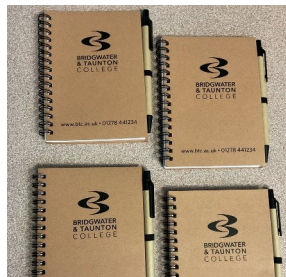


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BTC Visit

Our Year 8 assembly this week was supported by BTC, who stayed with us to give students the opportunity to talk more about apprenticeships at lunchtime. Look what a good question got rewarded with!



Madagascar Development Fund Update

We're excited to share an update on the pre-school classroom project at Antanimarina Primary School, which we have co-funded thanks to our school fundraising efforts. We will share more pictures once the project is complete.



Debate Competition

Last week, Court Fields School came alive with the captivating oratory skills of some very talented students. This was the first inter-school debate competition, well represented by pupils from Years 7, 8 and 10. Our audience heard some fierce debate, covering several topics including taxing the rich and nuclear weaponry. Students worked in teams of three and all performed incredibly well, however, special mention should be rewarded to Oliver G who bravely debated on his own, wowing the judges and taking home 'Best Speaker'. Ultimate plaudits go to our Year 7 group tackling the topic of artificial intelligence, well done to Nicole C, Summer G and Delilah C for a well deserved win. The English department made the following comment "We were incredibly impressed with the high standard of preparation, and there was a lovely range of topics covered which were informative, well-researched and thought-provoking. The students were a credit to Court Fields and themselves". The school would like to thank Mrs Bulmer for organising this opportunity for our students, and the judges from our local rotary club for attending and providing meaningful critique. A big round of applause for everyone who attended and we look forward to the next one! (Article written by Olivia D)



Slavery Trip

Please do book on to the Year 8 Slavery Trip as soon as possible. An email has been sent out with full details and a link to the consent form. If you require a paper copy please do come to Reception. This trip is an important part of the curriculum and will enhance students' understanding of the topic.



Mobile Phone Use



A gentle reminder about the rules for mobile phone use in school. Year 7 & 8 should not be using phones in school. Phones can be in their bag turned off, for use only on the way to and from school. Years 9-11 are permitted to use their phones at break and lunchtime only. The rest of the time they should be turned off and in bags. Thank you for your support.

Litter

Please remind students to pick up their litter. Staff are having to spend a lot of time picking up after break and lunchtime. Thank you.



Props Request

We need your help as we make preparations for our upcoming performance of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. A full list of props can be found on our Facebook page. Any help appreciated!

DIARY DATES

19th February

Return to school

14th March

Year 7 Parents Evening

28th March

Last day of term

15th April

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